

COLTS STILL ON TOP  
IN CHASE FOR FLAG

## VIRGINIA LEAGUE

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Last
Richmond	6	2	.750	500
Norfolk	5	2	.714	500
Roanoke	5	4	.556	500
Danville	3	5	.375	500
Petersburg	2	6	.250	507

## WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY.

Richmond at Danville.  
Roanoke at Petersburg.  
Lynchburg at Norfolk.

## BY GUS MALBERT.

The second week, or rather, one week and a half, of the Virginia League season has passed, and patrons of the games have little cause to be dissatisfied with the work of the men representing this town. The Colts up to date have won six games, lost two and tied one—not too bad a record for a young team. They still lead the league. The Danville series begins to-day, and on the result depends the continuance of leadership honors.

That some improvements can be made to strengthen the defensive work of the club is about the only thing. But a great proportion of this strengthening is going to come from the men themselves, who will either improve as they get more familiar with each other's style of play, or else look for new jobs, as Sullivan, for instance, will have to play in different positions. Neither has any room for the fellow who can just fold his job. He is looking for the boys who are willing to work in order to make better places for themselves.

On the whole, an impartial judge will admit that the team looks good. One of the places which looked weakest at the beginning of the season—left field—has improved so rapidly that Mattis is regarded as one of the best men on the club. His stick work has been marvelous for a youngster. He swings easily at the ball, yet manages to put it in safe territory a fair percentage of times. Just as soon as he gets a little more confidence he is going to make a fielder who will make the older ones hustle to protect their fair name.

Even Sullivan must admit that his pitchers are not going as well as they might. Though we have won games, a large element of luck has helped, and we may as well be fair with ourselves at the beginning and not try to fool each other. It may be that Donovan and Trevillian, who have recently well helped matters. Something definite will be found out during the Danville series, which begins to-day.

A suggestion—and to be regarded as a suggestion pure and simple—is that the club should be shifted to first base, and in this no sense, as Sullivan, Cowan's ability as a ball player, George is a hard worker and valuable to the team as an auxiliary catcher, but he is not a first baseman, is not built like one, does not act like one, and does not claim that he is one.

On the other hand, Judge has all the earmarks of an initial sacker. He is tall and sinewy, fast on his feet, agile and quick, and a youngster who lives on work. His whip is one to be proud of, and under the proper care he could be made a star at the first corner. Certainly it could do no harm to shift him until the arrival of Robinson, who is expected about May 20.

Reference to the team batting and fielding averages will show that, as a whole, the club has fallen off in hitting, but picked up in fielding. This may be attributed to several causes, but chiefly to the fall down in the heavy hitters, and to the added number of times at bat charged to the pitchers. Still the difference is small, and without a mislay have been reduced from eight during the first series to five at the close of last week.

Mattis leads with the most number of hits and runs. He has batted safely ten times out of twenty-nine at bat, and has scored eight runs. Barker follows, with nine hits out of thirty tries, but Mattis and Wallace both lead him in the number of runs scored, the former having scored the latter five runs to his credit. Lofthrop, Lodge, Barker and Everett have their share to make, though Barker has scored one tally.

Altogether it is not a bad showing for this time of year, and it will get better as the men get into their stride. Jimmie Sullivan is no a hard hitter, master, but he is firm, and asks just what he will get. For instance, in the game Saturday, he twisted his ankle going to first, and it looked for a moment as if he would be out of the

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M'FARLAND WILL  
NOT MEET WELLSHeeds Mother's Request That He  
Do Not Leave This  
Country.

New York, April 30.—Because of his mother's protests, Packy McFarland has decided to refuse the offer of the National Sporting Club of London to box Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion, on May 29. McFarland, ever since he whipped Tommy Murphy, has been receiving letters from his mother, who lives in Chicago, begging him to remain in America, and as Packy has unbounded respect for his parents, he concluded to pay heed to the requests. McFarland left for Chicago to-day, and will spend some time at home with his mother and father in the house he has provided for them. He has a rest, as he has been in strict training for more than five months. But that doesn't mean he will take on a lot of flesh, for Packy doesn't dissipate in any form except to eat ice cream and strawberry short cake when there is no ring battling close at hand.

"I have several offers to box 'Western cities,'" said McFarland to-day, "and I haven't given up hope of getting matches with Wolgast and Welsh. I do not intend to make any exceptions to them on the weight question, however, for I'll accept what I've proposed—133 at 3 o'clock for Wolgast and 134 at 3 o'clock for Welsh."

## Jeff Gives Advice.

New York, April 30.—James J. Jeffries has advised Wolgast to steer clear of McFarland, Jeff told the light-weight champion after he had beaten Hogan the other night that he would be foolish to make a match with him under any conditions. Wolgast, it will be remembered, agreed to box McFarland before Jeff, O'Brien's club in Philadelphia on Washington's Birthday, and fixed the weight at 135 pounds, weighing at 7 P. M. Because of Wolgast's poor showing with K. O. Brown, however, O'Brien called this match off. When Wolgast went to Los Angeles to fight Manning, he met Jeffries, who is one of his most ardent supporters, and the big fellow said: "Don't box McFarland at all. He is too clever, and will outpoint you sure."

Jeff's advice struck home, it seems, for Wolgast now refuses to let McFarland weigh 133 at 3 o'clock, declaring that ringside weight must govern all contests for the lightweight title. Wolgast says he cares nothing for the title to Ernie at 135, weighing at 3 o'clock, and that Ernie in turn was beaten by Gans, scaling 135 at 3 o'clock, cuts no figure with Wolgast, who says he is not called upon to give or take two pounds in a match with McFarland or any other challenger.

Washington, April 30.—It was suggested at the meeting of the District baseball committee that President Young get in communication with amateur baseball promoters of Baltimore and Richmond, with a view of arranging a post-season series next fall.

There is such a difference between the eligibility requirement in New York and Philadelphia and Washington that the teams from this city have too great an advantage in such games as were played last autumn. The quality of baseball in Baltimore and Richmond compares more favorably with the standard set here, and some interesting sport should result if the proposed series is arranged.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

At St. Paul—

Score: R. H. E.

St. Paul ..... 4 1 1

Toledo ..... 0 0 1

Batteries: Chech and Kelly; Valliere and Rapp.

At Minneapolis—

Score: R. H. E.

Minneapolis ..... 13 15 3

Indianapolis ..... 6 11 7

Batteries: Peaster, Waddell and Owens; Link, Cheney, Merz, Webb and Howley.

At Milwaukee—

Score: R. H. E.

Milwaukee ..... 7 15 1

Louisville ..... 6 11 3

Batteries: Graham, McGinn and Marshall; Higginbotham, Kiecher and Hurlins.

At Kansas City—

Score: R. H. E.

Kansas City ..... 3 7 2

Columbus ..... 4 9 2

Batteries: Packard and Arbogast; Brandon and Ritter.

At St. Louis—To Tacoma (N. W. L.).

O. G. Abbott, R. Morse, Edward Higgins; unconditionally; Ray O'Donnell, George F. Shepline.

By Philadelphia—To York (T. S. L.).

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PIRATES BESTED  
IN BATTING BEEChicago Takes Sunday Battle,  
After Getting Bad  
Start.

## EXCITEMENT IN NINTH INNING

Spectator Faints and Has to  
Be Carried From  
Grounds.

Chicago, April 30.—Chicago defeated Pittsburgh to-day in an exciting batting bee, 6 to 4. The visitors took the lead with a base on balls, a double and single in the first inning, Camnitz held the locals safe until the sixth, when three doubles, a sacrifice, an error and a single made four runs. A single and a home run gave Chicago two more in the seventh, and Camnitz retired after Archer followed with a double. Pittsburgh started a rally in the ninth, two doubles, a single and an error, giving them runs. The excitement was so high that one spectator fainted and had to be carried from the grounds. The score:

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Philadelphia	11	3	.786	636
Pittsburgh	8	5	.615	778
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Cincinnati	4	6	.400	333
Boston	5	10	.333	333
St. Louis	6	7	.300	333
Brooklyn	4	10	.286	308

## WHERE THEY PLAY TO-DAY

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